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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ELEVATION OF GOJ DELEGATION FOR COMING ROUNDS OF
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH MOFA OFFICIALS, KITAMURA (DEPDIRGEN, AMERAFFBUR) AND WATANABE (DIR, 1ST NA DIV), KITAMURA TOLD MINISTER BUTOON THAT GOJ PLANS TO ELEVATE ITS DELEGATION FOR THE REMAINING ROUNDS OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT MOFA PLANS TO HAVE THE NEW DEPUTY FOR MIN MASUO TAKASHIMA AS HEAD OF THE JAPANESE DELEGATION. (BIO DATA IN REF A.) KITAMURA COMMENTED THAT WHOEVER HEADS THE JAPANESE AND U.S. DELEGATIONS DURING THE NEXT ROUNDS OF TALKS SHOULD REMAIN WITH THE DELEGATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS. HE ADMITTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL BUT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED UNDERSEC COOPER AS BEING OF EQUIVALENT RANK TO TAKASHIMA.

2. COMMENT: BZMEK"COF THE VERY POLITICAL TINGE THE CIVIL AVIATION SUBJECT TAKES ON IN JAPAN AND THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTERESTS AND PRESSURES THE REMAINING ROUNDS OF TALKS WILL GENERATE, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT THE MOFA PLAY A LEADING ROLE. MOFA COULD BETTER KEEP THE
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NEGOTIATIONS IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE AS ONE IMPORTANT FACET OF THE U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP. WE REALIZE THAT THE DEMANDS ON UNDERSEC COOPER'S TIME ARE HEAVY BUT FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE BE NAMED TO CHAIR THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE REMAINING SESSIONS.
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